period 1995—2000 as compared to the total estimated transfer of Rs. 106036 crores recommended by the Ninth Finance Commission over the preceding quinquennium 1990—95. The recommendations of TFC have already been accepted by the Government of India. Accordingly the devolution of resources from Centre to States during 1995—2000 would be as per the recommendation of TFC. A copy of the Report of TFC alongwith a copy of the Explanatory Memorandum as to the action taken on the recommendations made by the Commission was placed on the Table of both Houses of Parliament on 14th March, 1995. There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to give additional allocation to individual States over what was recommended by the Tenth Finance Commission.

Government Measures to Tackle Growing Population Problem

1569. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that India today with present population of 267 people per square kilometre and rate of growth, would reach the one billion mark and by the year 2020 India would overtake China as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 12.7.96;

(b) whether the problem of population explosion has been totally ignored by Government while formulating the common minimum programme; and

(c) if so, in what manner Government would be able to deal with other unending allied problems like unemployment, housing, social justice programme etc. without concentrating on popolation control measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) According to the 1991 Census, the population density is 274 persons per square kilometre. The population of India is projected to cross the 1 billion mark by 2001 A.D.

(b) and (c) Reduction of the rate of growth of population in India is a priority area for the Government. The National Family Welfare Programme has been able to bring about significant reduction in birth rate, from 41.7 per thousand population over the decade 1951—61 to 28.7 in 1994.

Objectives of NFDC

1570. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what were the objectives for which NFDC was set up;

(b) how far these objectives have been fulfilled;

(c) whether it is a fact that NFDC is showing the same film twice/thrice on Doordarshan; and

(d) if not, the details of the films shown on Doordarshan at the instance of NFDC during the last six months?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BOADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) The National Film Development Corporation Ltd. (NFDC) was set up with the purpose of financing and promoting good cinema and promoting the integrated development of the Indian film industry. By and large, these objectives have been fulfilled.

(c) Films are repeated only on the Movie Club which is a satellite movie channel. Repetition of films on satellite movie channels is necessary to cater to various audiences for whom different timings are suitable.

(d) Films are also telecast on Doordarshan-I, Doordarshan-II, Doordarshan-III at the instance of NFDC and the information for the last 6 months is given in the Statement.